

**Chief of Police Jonathan Dunnam** 

November 23, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## HIT AND RUN PEDESTRIAN FATALITY

Baton Rouge Police are investigating a fatal hit and run crash that involved a pedestrian. The crash occurred today around 4:30pm in the 5800 block of Evangeline Street. Investigators believe the fleeing vehicle was a Ford F-150, white or light grey approximately a 1992-1996 model.

The at-scene investigation revealed that the pedestrian, DERRICK DEWAYNE GARDNER, 42 of 2369 Ray Weiland, Baker, LA., was crossing Evangeline Street without a protected crosswalk or at an intersection. Investigators determined that GARDNER was headed northbound as the Ford was traveling westbound in the inside lane when GARDNER was struck.

GARDNER later succumbed to his injuries at a local hospital.

Possible damage to the Ford will be around front passenger side and headlight area.

Anyone with any information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 344-7867.

This crash remains under investigation.

Sgt. Don Coppola Jr.
Office of the Chief of Police
BRPD Public Information Office
(225)389-3948
dacoppola@brgov.com